

U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY  
Washington D.C.

**Administrator Meeting with the Ambassador of Japan**

**DATE:** Wednesday, April 4, 2018

**TIME:** 10:45 AM

**LOCATION:** EPA Administrator's Office

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**I. Purpose**

- Meet with the newly appointed Japanese Ambassador, Shinsuke Sugiyama.
- Congratulate and welcome new Ambassador.
- Discuss continued interest in enhancing existing and new areas of bilateral cooperation and visiting Japan.

**II. Key Asks or Messages**

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**III. Participants**

Embassy of Japan

- Ambassador Shinsuke Sugiyama
- Mr. Kenichi Kobayashi, Economic Minister, Embassy of Japan
- Ms. Rieko Suzuki, First Secretary (Environment), Embassy of Japan

U.S. EPA

- YOU
- Sarah Greenwalt, Senior Advisor, Office of the Administrator
- Jane Nishida, Principal Deputy Assistant Administrator, OITA

#### **IV. Background**

You will meet with the new Ambassador of Japan, Shinsuke Sugiyama. He was recently appointed Ambassador and moved to Washington, replacing outgoing Ambassador Kenichiro Sasae who had held the post for over five years. You hosted Ambassador Sasae for a meeting in February.

Ambassador Sugiyama most recently served as Japan's Vice Minister for Foreign Affairs, the highest-ranking career official in that Ministry. He recently arrived in Washington, assuming his new post in late March. His request to quickly meet with you signals his and Japan's strong commitment to their relationship with the United States and EPA.

As reported by The Japan Times in December, "Sugiyama is expected to maintain good communications with key personnel in the administration of President Donald Trump, as Prime Minister Shinzo Abe places importance on strengthening the U.S.-Japan alliance, [government] sources said."

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#### **V. Attachments**

- Suggested Talking Points
- Ambassador Sugiyama Bio
- Drafted 2018 Joint Statement between EPA and MOEJ
- EPA Cooperation with Japan

## **Administrator's Suggested Talking Points**

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Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Japan to the  
United States of America

Shinsuke J. SUGIYAMA



- 1977 Entered Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MOFA)
- 1992 Director for Economic SUMMIT, Economic Affairs Bureau, MOFA
- 1993 Private Secretary to the Vice-Minister for Foreign Affairs, MOFA
- 1995 Director of United Nations Policy Division, Foreign Policy Bureau, MOFA
- 1998 Director of Treaties Division, Treaties Bureau, MOFA
- 2000 Minister (Political), Embassy of Japan in the Republic of Korea
- 2004 Minister, Deputy Chief of Mission in the Embassy of Japan in the Arab Republic of Egypt
- 2005 Deputy Director-General for Middle East, Middle Eastern and African Affairs Bureau, MOFA
- 2006 concurrently Deputy Director-General, International Cooperation Bureau
- 2008 Ambassador, Director-General for Global Issues
- 2011 Director-General, Asian and Oceanian Affairs Bureau, MOFA
- 2013 Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs, MOFA
- 2016 Vice Minister for Foreign Affairs, MOFA
- 2018 Advisor to MOFA
- 2018 Current Position

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